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UUBJ: BELMONT DEPLOYMENT

REF: (A) JCS 892121Z JUN 67 (CITE 7542)

1. REF A DURACTS EARLIEST SAILING BELMONT FOR OPERATIONS IN
AASLANT/MED AREAS.D

2. THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS ARE PERTINENT:

A. THE EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE OF LIBERTY INCIDENT,
THE IMPENDING REMOVAL FROM LIBERTY OF UP TO 22 BODIES
AND THE WIDESPREAD NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF STORIES ALLEGING
U.S. USE OF "SMOGER SHIP" AND "SPY SHIP" RAISE SOME QUESTIONS
OF THE DESIRABILITY OF THE IMMEDIATE USE OF SAME GENERAL AREA
OF ANOTHER SHIP WHOSE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS ARE IDENTICAL
TO THOSE OF LIBERTY. PARTICULARLY THE EMPLOYMENT OF
BELMONT WOULD BE KNOWN TO OTHER NATIONS AS SOON AS SHE
ARRIVED IN THE EASTERN MED.

B. THE POSSIBILITY OF SEARCHING QUESTIONS REGARDING
LIBERTY OPERATIONS BEING ASKED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE
GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED. SHOULD THIS OCCUR
BELMONT PRESENCE IN SAME AREA MAY AGGRAVATE THE
INVESTIGATIVE ENVIRONMENT. DUE PRESENT FREEDOM OF USE OF
THESE VALUABLE ASSETS MAY BE JEOPARDIZED.

C. A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED
LOCALLY ABOUT THE SUDDEN DEPLOYMENT OF BELMONT FROM
MOROKKO AFTER JUST RETURNING FROM A 4 MONTHS DEPLOYMENT
WITH ACCOMPANYING ADVERSE MORALE ASPECTS.

D. THE PRESENT ARRIVAL TIME OF BELMONT IN EASTERN MED
WOULD BE ABOUT 4 JULY. PRESUMING BELMONT WOULD BE LIMITED TO
OPERATIONS NO CLOSER THAN 60PP MILES OFFSHORE, IT IS DOUBTFUL

THAT HER CONTRIBUTION BEYOND THAT AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES
WOULD OFFSET THE NEGATIVE FACTORS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE FACTORS RECOMMEND DECISION TO DEPLOY
BELMONT EARLIEST BE RECONSIDERED.

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SUBJ: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR TRS OPERATIONS (U)

REFS: A. DIRNSA DIR/115, DTG 012307Z SEP (NOTAL)

B. CNO MEMO OP-922YE/RH 00030P92, 27 OCT (NOTAL)

1. (TS) SUGGESTED GUIDANCE WAS PROVIDED BY THE REFERENCES
... CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS OF TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS.

THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE
REF AND IS ISSUED FOR USE IN GENERAL PLANNING FOR
SICANT SUPPORT OF CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS WHEN REQUIRED:

A. DESCRIPTION. SPECIAL MODIFIED FORMER
MERCHANT SHIPS CONFIGURED TO CARRY OUT THEIR **ELECTRONIC**
MISSION.

B. MISSION. TO COLLECT
SIGNALS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES, UNDER TASK-
ING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (NSA), IN SATISFACTION

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OF HIGH PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS.

(1) CLASSIFICATION OF MISSION, AND ANY ASSOCIATION WITH NSA OR THE NAVAL SECURITY GROUP (NSG):

CONFIDENTIAL.

(2) CLASSIFICATION OF DETAILS OF SPECIFIC NATURE OF MISSION: REQUIRES HANDLING THROUGH SPECIAL CHANNELS AND WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICABLE SIGINT SUPPORT PLAN.

(3) DIVERSION FROM MISSION. THE TRS IS TO BE EMPLOYED FOR SIGINT PURPOSE ONLY. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY WILL BE MADE ONLY DURING AN EMERGENCY, IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF JCS PUB 2 (UNIFIED ACTION ARMED FORCES), PARAGRAPHS 30229 AND 30242 APPLY.

C. THE MISSION OF THE TRS IS TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL RESEARCH OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF US NAVY ELECTRONIC RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PROPAGATION STUDIES AND ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, SUCH AS MOON RELAY AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS.

D. CONTROL OF TRS.

MSTS?

(1) OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF SHIP. MILITARY OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THESE SHIPS WILL BE EFFECTED BY THE COGNIZANT UNIFIED OR SPECIFIED COMMANDER THROUGH THE NAVAL COMPONENT COMMANDER TO A SPECIFIC FLEET OF FORCE COMMANDER.

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(2) OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ALL SIGINT ACTIVITIES (COLLECTION, PROCESSING, REPORTING) ON BOARD SHIP. BY DIRECTOR, NSA (VIA DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS TO SHIP OR THROUGH THE DIRECTOR, NSG).

(3) BASIS FOR COLLECTION AREA ASSIGNMENTS:

(A) SIGNAL AUDIBILITY AND OTHER TECHNICAL FACTORS DETERMINED BY NSA TO BE NECESSARY TO MEET STATED REQUIREMENTS, AND

(B) DETERMINATION BY MILITARY OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS THAT THE OPERATION REQUIRED BY NSA IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SAFETY OF THE SHIP.

(C) CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE MILITARY COMMANDER INVOLVED AND THE SIGINT TASKING AUTHORITY IS REQUIRED TO INSURE MAXIMUM RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS AND MAXIMUM SECURITY OF THE SHIP.

E. SIGINT SUPPORT OF COMMANDERS.

(1) COMMAND CONTINGENCY AND LIMITED WAR PLANS:

(A) TRS MAY BE UTILIZED BY DIRNSA TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE MILITARY COMMANDER, IN ADDITION TO PRIMARY MISSIONS.

(B) COMMANDER MAY LEVY IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES TO BE ESTABLISHED.

(SEE PARA 1E(1)(C) BELOW)

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DIRNSA, OR HIS FIELD REPRESENTATIVES WHEN
SO AUTHORIZED, WILL C

1. ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO RECEIVE AND ACT
LOCALLY ON COMMAND REQUIREMENTS.

2. EFFECT PROMPT TASKING OF SIGINT RE-
SOURCES, INCLUDING THE TRS, WHICH MAY BE ASSIGNED TO AN
AREA TO SUPPORT A GIVEN CONTINGENCY SITUATION.

(D) CONTROL OF TRS:

1. OPERATIONALL CONTROL OF SHIP: SAME AS IN
ROUTINE OPERATIONS (SEE PARAGRAPH D(1) ABOVE).

2. OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ALL
SIGINT ACTIVITIES: SAME AS IN ROUTINE OPERATIONS (SEE PARA-
GRAPH D(2) ABOVE).

F. COMMAND OPLANS:

(1) NSA REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED TO COMMANDS:
WORK WITH COMMAND PLANNERS IN DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE
WORDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE SIGINT APPENDIX TO THE INTEL-
LIGENCE ANNEX OF COMMAND OPLANS IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE NSA
DETERMINES THE TRS WILL BE EMPLOYED.

(2) NSA: INFORM USCINCSOUTH (NO NSA REPRESENTATIVE
ACCREDITED) OF INSTANCES WHERE TRS WILL BE EMPLOYED. GP-3

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